

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Gayle Strassell,
2 the first female mayor of Tell City, Indiana, and honoring her for a
3 lifetime of public service and commitment to her community.

4 *Whereas, Gayle Strassell served as the very first female*
5 *Mayor of Tell City, Indiana, from 2004 through 2007;*

6 *Whereas, Gayle passed away on February 25, 2015,*
7 *surrounded by her loving friends and family;*

8 *Whereas, Gayle was born on August 25, 1942, to parents*
9 *Marion L. and Mary A. Kroessman;*

10 *Whereas, A 1960 graduate of Tell City High School,*
11 *Gayle worked as a certified insurance counselor, and*
12 *attended the Ivy Technical Institute for accounting before*
13 *beginning her lifelong work for the benefit of her community;*

14 *Whereas, From 1969 through 1974, Gayle served as*
15 *office manager of the Perry County License Branch, and*
16 *spent the next twenty years serving as secretary and*
17 *controller of Fischer Chair Company;*

18 *Whereas, In 1991, Gayle became the manager of the*
19 *Kennedy Insurance Agency, a subsidiary of Tell City*
20 *National Bank;*



1 *Whereas, Gayle later served as manager of the Tell City*
2 *and Santa Claus branches of Fifth Third Bank;*

3 *Whereas, For several years, Gayle served Tell City as a*
4 *member of its Common Council, before being elected Mayor;*

5 *Whereas, After serving with distinction as Mayor for four*
6 *years, Gayle remained involved in her community as an*
7 *employee of Everybody's Fun & Fitness Center;*

8 *Whereas, Gayle's parents and grandparents instilled in*
9 *her a love and sense of responsibility for helping others in*
10 *her church and in her community, traits that Gayle fully*
11 *embodied throughout her life;*

12 *Whereas, Gayle served as an active member of many*
13 *local civic groups, including the Tell City Kiwanis Club, Tell*
14 *City Historical Society, Perry County Chamber of*
15 *Commerce, Leadership Perry County, Schweizer Fest*
16 *Committee, Santa Claus Optimist Club, Santa Claus*
17 *Chamber of Commerce, Society of Certified Insurance*
18 *Counselors, We the Youth of Perry County Board, Women of*
19 *the Moose, United Way of Perry County, Treasurer of the*
20 *Perry County League of Women Voters, and President of the*
21 *Perry County Convention and Visitors Bureau;*

22 *Whereas, Gayle has been a lifelong member and*
23 *politician for the Republican Party;*

24 *Whereas, Gayle has earned the Perry County*
25 *Distinguished Woman of the Year Award, Tell City National*
26 *Bank Community Service Award, and was named Tell City*
27 *Distinguished Citizen of the Year;*

28 *Whereas, Gayle was a member of the Evangelical United*
29 *Church of Christ in Tell City, where she had served on the*
30 *church council;*



1 *Whereas, Gayle enjoyed traveling, her kittens, spending*
2 *time with her grandchildren, and meeting new people*
3 *through her work and volunteer efforts;*

4 *Whereas, Gayle and her late husband, Tom, had three*
5 *children together, Julie, Greg, and Gary; and seven*
6 *grandchildren Andy, Ben, Brandon, Zoe, Michael, Erin, and*
7 *William; and*

8 *Whereas, It is fitting that the Indiana General Assembly*
9 *gives special recognition to Gayle Strassell and her legacy of*
10 *public service and volunteering in the Tell City community:*
11 *Therefore,*

12 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
13 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

14 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly memorializes
15 Gayle Strassell, the first female mayor of Tell City, Indiana, and honors
16 her for a lifetime of public service and commitment to her community.

17 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
18 transmit copies of this Resolution to Gayle's children Julie, Greg, and
19 Gary, her sister Peg, and Tell City Mayor Barbara Ewing.

